

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (previously amended): A method for effecting changes in mammalian hair appearance and hair pigmentation, and reducing hair growth; and hair follicle and hair shaft size in mammalian hair in need thereof, comprising topical application to the skin of a mammal an effective amount of a topically active composition comprising one or more compounds derived from one or more of the botanical families leguminosae, solanaceae, gramineae and cucurbitaceae.

Claim 2 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said extract contains at least one serine protease inhibitory activity.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 2 wherein said at least one serine protease inhibitory active agent is a serine protease inhibitor.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3 wherein said at least one serine protease inhibitor is present in an amount, based upon the total volume of the topically active composition, of from about 0.0001% (w/v) to 20% (w/v).

Claim 5 (original): The method of claim 4 wherein the at least one serine protease inhibitor is present in an amount, based upon the total volume of the topically active composition, of from about 0.001% (w/v) to about 5% (w/v).

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein one of said changes is a delay in hair growth, reduced hair follicle and hair shaft size and reduced hair pigmentation.

Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said topically active composition further comprises a pharmaceutically or cosmetically acceptable vehicle.

Claim 8 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said topically active composition further comprises one or more isoflavones.

Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 8 wherein said topically active composition further comprises a pharmaceutically or cosmetically acceptable vehicle.

Claim 10 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said topically active composition further comprises natural extracts containing one or more isoflavones.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said composition is applied topically in conjunction with one or more products whose purpose is to either facilitate the removal of hair or actually remove hair or reduce hair visibility or improve hair style or improve hair management.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said composition is applied topically before or following hair removal.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said composition is applied topically during hair removal.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said composition is applied topically in conjunction with one or more of the group consisting of: depilatory agents, shampoo, hair conditioner, styling gel, hair care products, waxing products, shaving products, hair-removal products, after-shave products, deodorant, anti-perspirant, electrolysis, laser hair removal, light-induced hair removal, mask, bath additives.

Claim 15 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising leaving said composition on said skin for a period sufficient to effect said changes.

Claim 16 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein said period is daily treatment for at least about four weeks.

Claim 17 (original): A method according to claim 16 wherein said composition is applied daily for at least eight weeks.

Claim 18 (previously amended): A method according to claim 1 wherein said composition is applied daily to reduce pseudofolliculitis barbae.

Claim 19 (original): A method according to claim 1 wherein said composition is applied daily to the axillary area to reduce hair growth.

Claim 20 (original): A method according to claim 1 wherein said composition is applied daily to the scalp to style and improve management of African type hair.

Claim 21 (original): A method according to claim 1 wherein said composition is added daily to a bath.

Claim 22 (original): A method according to claim 1 wherein said composition is used daily on facial or body parts for delaying hair growth and reducing hair visibility in sufferers of hirsutism.

Claims 23-52 (cancelled)